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In re Application of:)
Anne DEJEAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1655
Application No.: 09/819,007) Prior Examiner: J. Goldberg
Filed: March 28, 2001)
For: DIAGNOSTIC MEANS USEFUL)
FOR PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT)
OF HUMAN HEPATOCELLULAR)
CARCINOMA DISEASE (HCC))
AS WELL AS DIAGNOSTIC)
METHODS USING THE SAME)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, application no. 09/055,363, filed April 6, 1998, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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